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11 January 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

I have delayed a reply in regard to Chiang Chao-ho's scrolls until I could present a very extensive array of the use of the scroll of the little boy by the Bureau for Medical Aid to China. Enclosed herewith is an indication of its great value to this fine organization. The scroll is still in Miss Van Sciver's office. We shall expect you to take the initiative in giving instructions about it.

I called up Asia in order to discover what was being done with the photographic reproductions of the large number of other scrolls done by this artist. The cover of the December Asia used one of them and in January, there was a center spread. The remainder of the material had followed instructions sent to Asia and had been turned over to Life; about 29 photographs and 23 negatives. If we can in any way render further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

EBM:e

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret E. Speer
Yenching College for Women
Peiping
China

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11 January 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

My correspondence with you during the last several months has suffered serious lassitude. I expected on every mail your reply in relation to the professorship which has become the heart and soul of Mrs. Moore's Wellesley Alumnae program. We needed your word on the matter and are so grateful to have had it arrive by cable. Mrs. Moore now has in hand a fine supporting letter from Madame Chiang and will make immediate progress toward the development of an approach to Wellesley women throughout the United States.

The other program of the same Committee, that for Endowment, is moving along with about \$17,500 still to be secured before June 30. This is, I would say, almost certain of successful accomplishment. It is a great satisfaction to be working with this Committee, which has both ability and the necessary interest. I am hoping that certain glimpses of your mother will be a natural result of what is to be done in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

EBM:e

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching College for Women of
Yenching University
Peiping China

Office of the Dean

January 15, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

I am enclosing letters written by two of our seniors, Miss Yin Hsiang and Miss Chu Chang, thanking the Wheaton Y.W.C.A. for the Scholarship funds which have come from Wheaton and have been awarded to these two girls. I am enclosing also a list of alumnae of the Women's College who are now in America. There are many gaps and mistakes in this list, I feel sure. Miss Ashworth and Miss Bass are both married but I do not know their married names. Probably a number of these young women have already returned to China. Perhaps the list will be useful to you in giving you some information which you do not already have. At the same time we hope you will check it with whatever later information you have there and let us know about the cases where our information is incorrect or out-of-date.

In a day or two I hope to be able to send the pictures of Miss Wagner which you cabled for. It is probably hard for you to conceive of the kinds of delays that are inevitable in getting these pictures now. As you probably know we are no longer able to go in and out of the city freely and do not have the messenger service which we used to rely on. We therefore have to wait three or four days, sometimes, before someone can go to town to buy films, to take the negatives to be developed, and later to collect the finished pictures. I am sorry that the process is so slow but at least the first installment can be on its way to you within the next week.

We are glad that the term is practically completed without any untoward incidents. With best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer
Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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February 9, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Friends:

We have not been able before this to make a proper estimate of income for next year for several reasons:- First, we could not check with the cooperating boards and secure a definite reply. Secondly, we hope to have more definite figures regarding the Wellesley-Yenching Chair for next year, but this is not possible at the present time. Thirdly, some study had to be made of the field finances; and lastly, a last-minute check-up was required on possible income for next year from Endowment Funds. The Anticipated Income as we now see it for 1940-41 is as follows:

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Cooperating Units:

W.F.M.S. M. E. Church.....	\$ 1,400.00
Wellesley.....	3,700.00
Presbyterian Board.....	1,500.00
American Board.....	1,445.00

Special Income:

Special Gifts.....	2,700.00
Wellesley-Yenching Chair.....	1,200.00
Day of Prayer Offering.....	800.00
Philadelphia Mission. Union.....	200.00
General Endowment Income.....	3,300.00
Women's Committee Endowment Income...	800.00

\$17,045.80

Less: Home Admin. & Committee.....

1,950.00

\$15,095.80

The foregoing is not much of an advance over last year, but it is hoped there will be a balance available on the current year's field budget which may be used for the coming year. I have refrained from asking for an action covering possible use of surplus in America as there is a strong feeling among individuals on the Committee that this should be restored to its former standing, especially at the present time when exchange is so favorable for the field. We note that there is a considerable balance carried forward on the Consolidated Balance Sheet in U. S. dollars, as well as local currency.

Miss Speer
Mr. Tsai

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The best we can figure at the present time for the Wellesley-Yenching Chair is to suggest the figure of \$1,200.00 with the hope that when your budget is received the middle of April we will be in a better position to estimate the income.

While there has been considerable progress on the Endowment Campaign, yet should it be entirely successful the income will not be increased as the University is paying much larger interest than could be secured on the open market in reliable investments.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" - 2/9/40

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

February 22, 1949.

Dear Mr. Macmillan,

I am sorry about our having nothing
correspondence of this winter but hope that with the
coming of a somewhat freer period in this office I
can rectify it a bit.

Your cable about our scholarship
applicants for Smith and Wellesley came Sunday
and I at once sent the following reply: "No plan
Wang, Fong, Chen, reject faculty". I am sorry that
we had not sent you information about these applicants
at the time the girls sent in their original requests for
scholarships and I can see that it might be an
advantage for your office to know more about
all such matters. However, there are such floods of
applications from Yenching students and alumni for
scholarships abroad that it would be a tremendous
burden of correspondence for your office. For example,
in November and December, the annual period for an
epidemic of desires to go abroad, there were eighteen
women students and alumni who sent off applications
to a total of forty-four institutions. In all such
cases I try to help the girls to make a wise decision
as to the institutions to which they will go and also
to write letters of recommendation for them which are
completely honest and which take into consideration
not only the interest of the applicants but also of
the American institutions.

These applications were made
entirely on the initiative of the students themselves.
In only one of the eighteen cases did Yenching have
the slightest expectation that the girl would come
back to join our faculty. That is the case of Miss Yao
Chün-ch'ün, who applied for one of the Barbour Scholar-
ships at Michigan. She is a sister of Mrs. Wu Yao Chün-
che, who has been at the New York School of Social Work
for the past two years. We have not given her any
commitment whatsoever but I have a private hope that we
may some day have a place for her on our faculty. As
regards the three girls whom you mentioned in your

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cable, there is not the slightest possibility of our wanting Wang Wen-ying (Mary Wong) to be one of our faculty. Wang An-lin has been an assistant this year and is a musician of some promise but the Department of Music does not at present feel there is a permanent place for her. Chou Hien-tzu we might quite possibly want some day for our Western Languages Department if she should be back in Peking with no other commitments but in the department's present plans for a permanent staff she is not considered. The fact that Yenching has no place for them does not mean that they are not very promising girls who can be of great usefulness.

My own feelings about many of these applicants for scholarships in America have remained. Naturally I would like our Yenching graduates to have the greatest opportunities for thorough training but the total expenditure for a year's study in America both by the American college and by the girl herself is very large - horrifyingly large when considered in relation to the present exchange rate and to the need for educational funds in China. Even with a generous scholarship it takes a fabulous sum at the present exchange rate for a girl's family to finance the round trip travel and to provide for incidental expenses. Only a family of fairly large means can afford this and one is tempted to ask oneself why American institutions should grant scholarships ~~only~~ to students from wealthy families, instead of granting without a scholarship only children of the extremely rich could manage to go at all.

These applications, as I have said, have all been made on the initiative of the students themselves rather than on the initiative of the Women's College. However there is a need which will grow insistently year after year for special funds for some of our young instructors to go abroad. There are a few exchange scholarships available, particularly those at Columbia and California for which Yenching can nominate candidates, but there are always more promising young men than these opportunities can take care of, and the needs of the women are somewhat different. Dr. Stuart has some special funds, I believe chiefly a gift from Mr. Danforth, which he can use for travel subsidies, but again these funds are bound to go almost exclusively to applicants from the University staff rather than the Women's College. As you probably know, our furlough privileges apply only to members of the faculty who have

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been of lecturer rank or above for at least six years. Young members of the staff are likely to be assistants for a year or two, then instructors for four or five years before being promoted to the rank of lecturer. It is of course not necessary in every case that these young people should go abroad. But they should have opportunities for advanced study in fields where there are not facilities at present in China. If among the supporters of the Yenching University you could find some one who would be interested to give special funds for this purpose, such gifts would meet a great need. For example, we have a young instructor in the Department of Home Economics, Miss Tai Ho-yi, who has been here for more than four years and who has been in complete charge of the very considerable and difficult work of managing our four dormitory kitchens and dining rooms. She should sometime have further preparation in the fields of nutrition and institutional management. Miss Krauer is hoping to be able to secure a scholarship for her at Kansas State College, in Manhattan, Kansas, sometime within the next few years, but the scholarship would at the most cover only tuition, board, and lodging and we would need extra funds for travel for which our present budget arrangement could never provide. There is also a young woman in the English Department who has been with us for four years but could not possibly qualify for a regular fellowship for another year or seven years. We would like to help her to go abroad within two or three years if possible.

Thank you very much for your letter about Mr. Chiang Chao-ho's scroll and the interesting folders showing the use of the picture. I have passed on to him your word about the use of his material by Asia and Life. He is very anxious to have his original scroll sent as soon as you can find a good person who could bring it safely. At the moment I can think of no one but the Stanley Wilsons who would be returning in August. The Gloysteens of the Presbyterian Board will probably be coming back to Peking at that time too. Could you give it to one or the other of these families to bring unless you hear of some other reliable traveller coming directly from New York to Peking earlier than mid-summer.

A recent letter from Stanley Wilson tells of his having talked with you on the subject of greater support for the Department of Home Economics.

Miss Kramer and I are working on the problem and will send you a program as soon as it is in shape. We are extremely grateful for the unfailing support which you and the Yenching College Committee constantly give us.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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Paragraphs from letters to Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Speer from Miss Margaret B. Speer, Yenching College for Women, Peiping, China

March 3, 1940

Spring is struggling hesitantly in. In the most sheltered corners, the grass is green and though one feels grateful for a good warm coat, the thought of working in the garden begins to be alluring. I think when I have finished a few letters, I must take my old saw and go out to do a little trimming and pruning.

No American mail this week - not even magazines for a long time. It has been a week full of "sociabilities". On Tuesday we had the Old Guard of the Women's College faculty here for supper to discuss various plans for the future, particularly the need to turn Gamble Hall (the old "Dean's Residence") into a proper music building and the need for new and different housing accommodations for the young Chinese faculty. There are lots of changes I would like to make, but this is a poor time to think of putting up any new buildings. We can shift and adapt what we have, but we shall have to postpone any new construction until a happier future. *****

On Thursday night we had a party for all the nursing students, thirty freshmen and sophomores who will later go to the PUMC for three years of nursing training, and eight seniors who have come back for a last semester after their PUMC work. The food which Augusta thought was more than ample disappeared as quickly as if they had been boys instead of girls. Prices have gone up so terrifically that the dormitory food is reduced to the minimum which the Home Economics Department thinks is adequate, and consequently the students appreciate party refreshments more than ever. We have been making some charts and posters this week to show the girls that though we have only increased the board fees 50%, the market prices of food have increased 160% in the last year, and consequently we can give them only the coarsest cereals and almost no meat.

Dr. Singer, our nice Viennese doctor, has had a most worrying time about her passport. It was taken away from her by the passport officials on the train on the day she arrived last spring, and after months of negotiations, she has only just succeeded in getting it back and in getting the necessary residence visa. When I said to her yesterday that she must be very glad to have this long-drawn-out anxiety over at last, she said, of course, but she would not feel really happy until she knew that her sister was out of Vienna, but that the last word of Italian anti-semitic activities made it look as though there was no hope of the Jews in Vienna ever reaching a safe haven.

I've just come back from visiting one of our sophomores in the Infirmary. Her grandfather acquired an enormous fortune as compradore of one of the big Tientsin firms. Her father was murdered for his money a number of years ago and the large family of uncles and brothers and concubines has been quarreling about the money ever since. This poor girl was ill with tuberculosis for two years before she was able to come to college, but thought that at last she was really cured. After doing well in college for a year and a half, she has now found that she has tuberculosis of the hip and the spine. The doctor has made a plaster mould for her back and she has been told that if she lies perfectly still on that for a few months, she may be able to avoid an operation that would keep her in bed for a year. She is cheerful and philosophical and has not said one whining or complaining word. Well, the garden is calling before the sun gets too low.

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March 10, 1940

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INDEXED PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

March 4, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mrs. Farlin about our first draft of the Women's College budget for 1940-41, also an additional copy of the budget. You have already had a copy of our budget included with the budgets for the whole university sent to you with a covering letter from President Stuart.

You will think, I am afraid, that I have neglected my responsibilities to the New York Office this winter. The combination of having new responsibilities here for University academic administration and being short-handed in the Women's College has kept me more than usually busy with the sort of details that are essential for smooth running but that leave little time for anything else.

Agnes Chen got here safely more than a month ago and I am glad to report that she is fitting in well. After all the vicissitudes of last summer I wondered about her ability to fit in to our greatly changed environment. She came by herself from Shanghai braving the difficulties of landing at Tangku and is showing eminent good sense in accepting our new ways of life here. I think that the difficulties of last summer must have been due in large part to ill-health and to worry over the completion of the requirements for her doctor's degree. We hope that she is going to grow into one of our strong stand-bys. She has of course a large debt to be paid to the University for her return travel but she has already begun payment and we have worked out a plan which should enable her to complete the payments over a period of years.

Miss Jacobs' freight arrived in January after long wanderings and a period of being held up in Kobe for over three months because of difficulty in securing space on the Kobe to Tangku boats. The total cost was US\$56.53 from New York to Kobe and 10\$101

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from Kobe to Peking. I have not been quite sure whether we ought to charge this to Miss Jacobs herself or to pay for it out of our contingent fund, but I incline to feel that the latter is probably the right course. Our faculty regulations make no mention of freight allowance, but all Mission Boards give a generous freight allowance. If similar cases arise in the future, I think it might be well to inquire whether it is absolutely necessary to send luggage by freight and not to do so unless the full allowance of 350 lbs. of personal luggage to accompany the traveller is necessarily exceeded. We have been somewhat justified by some packing of pictures which were packed around Miss Jacobs' filling case inside the crates. There are altogether hundreds of copies of these pictures apparently meant for Sunday Schools. We do not know whether they were ordered by some one or whether they were put in simply to fill up the space. We are keeping them until we get some clue of their proper destination. If they are not for any other purpose I am sure the Christian Fellowship can use them in their Sunday Schools.

Another small justification has been about an item charged to the Women's College account of US\$2.25 for a "liner tester". The charge was made from your office with a note saying, "See Cookingham letter August 10, 1939". We have never received a letter from or to Miss Cookingham on this date and we are guessing with great interest what a "liner tester" might be.

In regard to Miss Cookingham we are still not sure whether her return next semester will be possible, but you will see that we have included her name in the budget and I have not yet given up hope that she might come back. The story of all the reasons behind her breakdown in health is a long one and I have hesitated to try to put it in writing for you in New York because it is almost impossible to put into a short space a complete account of all the factors in the situation without the picture being unfair to some of the many people involved. I still feel that the chief cause of all the misunderstanding was physical. The strain of the summer of 1937 was greater than those who underwent it realized at the time, and those of us who were away and came back in 1938 probably underestimated the toll on those who had been here without a break. When told Miss

Smith's name

Cookingham had an inadequate vacation in the summer of 1948 and extra work during the spring term. Ts'ai was away, and also in her living arrangement for a time lacked the sort of companionship which might have helped her to overcome some of the difficulties which she faced in her work in their proper proportions. In addition to all this there were other physical complications. Of course Miss Cookingham realized herself that there was a physical basis for the trouble but that she could not realize that the personal difficulties, as they came to her larger and larger in her work, were partly due to physical ill health. She came to feel that there were insurmountable difficulties and such divergences in points of view that her work could be continued here only if the university administrative organization could be changed in such a way that there could be no conflict of personalities. We have had many conferences since she left to see what re-organization could be made which would avoid the difficulties of divided responsibility, but we always come back to the basic fact that in a limited community like this we all have to work harmoniously together and no organization can separate us into water-tight compartments. What we hoped Miss Cookingham would see is that if she returns in good health the administrative officers of the University including herself could work harmoniously together. The final decision inevitably rests in her hands. If she feels that such harmony is impossible, it will be impossible. If she feels that it can be achieved, I think there is hope; though even if honestly recognizing that there will be difficulties, but with Christian understanding I am convinced that we can overcome them. It has been an unhappy situation with no one of us entirely free from blame. One of the most tragic aspects is that it was impossible to discuss the whole matter calmly before Miss Cookingham left because her own physical condition made an objective outlook for her then. But a discussion of the whole problem at long range across the Pacific is most unsatisfactory.

If Miss Cookingham does not return we should certainly make some arrangements to pay for her travel from Peking to New York and to make some adjustments about furlough salary but we shall leave these details until we know what final decision has been made.

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I fear this letter and its enclosures will be too heavy for one envelope and I shall have to send them in separately.

With good wishes to you always,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Steer

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New York, N.Y.

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
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PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

March 8, 1940.

Dear Miriam,

It is a long time since I have written, for this year has been an unusually full and busy one, and we have been shorthanded and have had extra problems to deal with. I have been wanting to write to you about the budget. I am enclosing a copy of our forecast for next year and I am sending another copy to Mr. Evans with a copy of this letter.

This should be regarded not so much as a "proposed budget" as a first draft of the best guess we can make at this time of our needs for next year. There are so many uncertainties and variables that it is obvious we will have to make a number of revisions before this can become our working budget. In the first place we do not know what our income will be for next year. We took as an estimate the amount originally promised for the present year but we do not know whether the Yenching College Committee will be able to send us more or less next year. In the second place there are still many uncertainties about staff. We have included Miss Cookingham's name but have not included Miss Kung Lan-chen's name, although it is quite possible that Miss Cookingham will not be able to return and Miss Kung will. That is simply one example of a number of similar unknown factors. In the third place no one knows what exchange rate to count on. It used to seem very daring to count on the rate of four to one, but this year six to one seems like a conservative estimate. During the past few weeks the rate has been hovering around sixteen, and not even our brilliant economists can tell us whether it will go up or down and at what point it will finally stick.

In making this estimate we have tried to depart as little as possible from our budget for this year and last year. There are a few routine salary increases. There are the natural changes due to furloughs. We have had to increase some of the items for dormitory and office supplies since the prices of all materials are going steadily higher and we have included, as the other sections of the University have done, an item for "exchange compensation" equalling

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fifty per cent of the local currency total for salaries. Last summer the University started the system of so-called "exchange compensation" to take care of the terrifying increase in the cost of living. Each month the Administrative Committee sets a figure for the rate of such compensation for everyone employed by the University. So far this year the average has been a little under fifty per cent but there is no knowing whether even one hundred per cent will be adequate a year from now. The departments of Economics and Home Economics have been keeping close track of prices. The cost of food alone has increased 166 per cent in the past year. Living costs are estimated to be about 400 per cent higher than they were four years ago.

Although the above mentioned changes have been made in the budget, it is interesting to note that the total is practically the same as that of the revised form of this year's budget which we have been working on since last fall. The expenditures in US currency are less, those in local currency are more, but the total increase is only LC\$35. You will note that we have a deficit of LC\$33,568. Instead of calling this a deficit it would probably be better to call it "amount still to be raised" since it is our hope that either from the current campaign or from the accumulated surplus the necessary funds can be provided. ¹ wonder if this whole complicated process of budget making across two continents would not be simplified if our income could be divided into two categories: income that is practically certain, and income that must be raised yearly by the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees. We could then make out the first draft of the budget in February, counting only on the "certain" income and indicating the deficit as "amount still to be raised". You could consider this draft in April and let us know whether you could undertake to raise the whole amount or not. By June we would have your comments on our requests and needs, and would also know more definitely about exchange rates and our own outlook here. There would be plenty of time for letters back and forth, and after such consultation the working budget could be settled by the end of June. This may not seem very different from our present procedure, but it would take care of the hesitation that some of us cautious souls feel about submitting a budget with a "deficit" year after year. The deficit hardly ever materializes, but it is the only way we have of indicating our needs when we draw up a budget in February without adequate knowledge of what income can be hoped for in the coming year.

I hope the committee can consider the statement at the bottom of the last page of the budget about the need for a "furlough reserve fund". Such a plan would add to the amount which would need to be raised for next year, but it is the only sound way of taking care of tremendous fluctuations in our needs.

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One furlough costs approximately US\$2,500 more than the ordinary field salary, and two furloughs in one year would be a serious drain.

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There is one further point I should like to have you considered sometime; that is the present policy of apportioning the cost of the operation of the power plant, with the Women's College responsible for two-sevenths of the total, but this letter is long enough and that is not an immediate issue so I will write about it another time.

We hear fine things of the campaign for the Women's College endowment and we are continually grateful for all your constant hard work for Yenching.

Ever yours,

Mrs. C.C. Parlin
28 Depeyster Avenue
Tenafly, New Jersey

Margaret Bailey Spear

Excerpts from Miss Margaret Bailey Speer's letter of March 3, 1940 covering the proposed budget for the Yenching Women's College for 1940-1941.

In making this estimate, we have tried to depart as little as possible from our budget for this year and last year. There are a few routine salary increases. There are the natural changes due to furloughs. We have had to increase some of the items for dormitory and office supplies since the prices of all materials are going steadily higher, and we have included, as the other sections of the University have done, an item for "exchange compensation" equalling fifty per cent of the local currency total for salaries. Last summer the University started the system of so-called "exchange compensation" to take care of the terrifying increase in the cost of living. Each month the Administrative Committee sets a figure for the rate of such compensation for everyone employed by the University. So far this year the average has been a little under fifty per cent but there is no knowing whether even one hundred per cent will be adequate a year from now. The departments of Economics and Home Economics have been keeping close track of prices. The cost of food alone has increased 166 per cent in the past year. Living costs are estimated to be about 400 per cent higher than they were four years ago.

Although the above mentioned changes have been made in the budget, it is interesting to note that the total is practically the same as that of the revised form of this year's budget which we have been working on since last fall. The expenditures in US currency are less, those in local currency are more, but the total increase is only LC\$35. You will note that we have a deficit of LC\$33,568. Instead of calling this a deficit it would probably be better to call it "amount still to be raised" since it is our hope that either from the current campaign or from the accumulated surplus the necessary funds can be provided. I wonder if this whole complicated process of budget making across two continents would not be simplified if our income could be divided into two categories:- income that is practically certain, and income that must be raised yearly by the Yenching College Committee and the Trustees. We could then make out the first draft of the budget in February, counting only on the "certain" income and indicating the deficit as "amount still to be raised". You could consider this draft in April and let us know whether you could undertake to raise the whole amount or not. By June we would have your comments on our requests and needs, and would also know more definitely about exchange rates and our own outlook here. There would be plenty of time for letters back and forth, and after such consultation the working budget could be settled by the end of June. This may not seem very different from our present procedure, but it would take care of the hesitation that some of us cautious souls feel about submitting a budget with a "deficit" year after year. The deficit hardly ever materializes, but it is the only way we have of indicating our needs when we draw up a budget in February without adequate knowledge of what income can be hoped for in the coming year.

I hope the committee can consider the statement at the bottom of the last page of the budget about the need for a "furlough reserve fund". Such a plan would add to the amount which would need to be raised for next year, but it is the only sound way of taking care of tremendous fluctuations in our needs. One furlough costs approximately US\$2,500 more than the ordinary field salary, and two furloughs in one year would be a serious drain.

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

April 4, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

About two weeks ago a check for US\$3 came from Miss Helen Davis Taylor of Rochester. I am enclosing a copy of the acknowledgement I sent her. I do not know how she happened to send the gift directly to us here.

There are two changes of address for our Women's College list: Miss Mary Musgrove's address should be 541 Kawaiahao Street, Honolulu, T.H. and the address of Mrs. A.J. Gaehr is changed from Cleveland to 515 West 7th Street, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Would you be kind enough to tell Mr. Evans that Miss Marjorie Tan, (Tan Pin Pin) who has been working under the Rockefeller Foundation on Basic English and is coming back to join our faculty this semester, may call on him for some help in getting tickets and steamship reservations?

It seems a long time since I found such a warm welcome from you and Miss Groh in the little back office but I haven't forgotten all your helpfulness. We are in the midst of a raging dust storm today that would almost make one welcome a clean whiff of New York's grimy air.

With best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
United States of America

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April 5, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Kimball,

It is the greatest honour to me that Miss Speer introduced me to you and you are very kind to help me studying and give me a scholarship. Thank you very much indeed.

I think you would like to know something about myself who is helped by your gift. I think I am rather to like active things. I like every sport, especially swimming and gymnastics. In Yenching I join some students' activities, such as Christian Fellowship, Social Service Committee, etc.. Every morning we have chapel for 20 minutes. We can discuss some problems about Christianity and the life of Jesus in our small groups which is included in the Christian Fellowship. Yenching is rather peaceful, not so bad as in the war zone, yet I always think of the poor people who are in suffrage. God bless them. God is very kind to everybody.

I am a girl Junior of the department of Sociology. I am very interested in social work, and I think that the reconstruction of rural villages is in need. After my graduate I would like to go to South, helping people to organized and do everything for them which is in need and I could.

Sincerely yours,

Li Hsiao-li

Letter from a junior at Yenching

sent to Mrs. J. H. Kimball

2744 Ashby Avenue

Berkeley, California

Thanking her for scholarship and

M. B. Speer

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Handwritten: *Handwritten notes and signatures at top of page*

April 6, 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

I shall not today be replying adequately to your good letter of February 23th. I do want you to know, however, that its receipt has been a great relief to me in its understanding of the situation in which we find ourselves when we are asked about Chinese scholarship applicants during these troubled times. You will understand that the budget of the China Colleges, as drawn up in New York, must restrict its assistance to members of faculties. In this sphere we are planning to be increasingly competent to help those who are of importance on the field, and we want your help in early announcement of plans. Not later than January of any year should complete papers arrive in this office for any member of the staff whom you wish to have enrolled for advanced work in America the following autumn. It will be possible in this office to duplicate documents, and to forward them to as many institutions as appropriate. At the same time, the candidate can be considered for any funds immediately available through this office for such cases, such funds being designed to supplement income from other sources.

In the wider field of the large number of candidates applying on their own initiative and have the faculty connection, you are quite right in saying that the number of these students is so great as to add to our office burden if we are informed of them. I feel certain, however, that it will be time saving in the end to keep us informed, for we are expected to make some sort of statement about any applicant who comes from our colleges, and there are several members of our executive staff who are in touch with colleges and universities and are therefore in the stream of such inquiries.

Another thing which is in the background of your letter is your fine appreciation of the contrast between such candidates as Miss Wang, Miss Fong and Miss Chou, and Chinese women coming from other parts of China, who have had a number of years of very stern experience since graduation, and for whom graduate study is now imperative if they are to hold their places in their professions and go on to increasing usefulness. I have seen this year some of the letters of recommendation you have written and realize how fair you have been in all cases, - fair to the candidate, to Yenching and

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to the colleges in this country.

I enjoyed very much the hour I had with you mother at Lakeville last Saturday, when we were talking over ways of securing the last \$12,000 necessary for the completion of the Yenching College Endowment. She seemed to me to be stronger and happier than at any other time when I have been with her for many years, and the home in Lakeville is a wonderful oasis to such as I from the pressure of the cities and of our desks.

We will try to see that Mr. Chiang Chao-ho's scroll goes back by way of the Wilson's.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying the summer. I am well and hope you are enjoying the summer. I am well and hope you are enjoying the summer.

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The First Dormitory
April 10, 1940.

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the scholarship I have got from you last year, it encouraged me a great deal. As you have been so kind to me I should like to tell you something about how I have been getting along in my work here in Yenching. I have worked hard since I came here in the year 1938. And now I am a Sophomore student. Of course I still work hard as I have been before. Moreover I take some parts in extra-curricular activities such as Christian fellowship meetings, discussion groups, and athletics. Indeed here I've found so good a place in developing both my mental and my physical ability that I may have a sound mind and a sound body.

As to the financial situation of my home, I am sorry I should say it is worse than before. My father has lost his job yet he must take the responsibility for supplying a large family. He is unable to supply me enough money; and my expense is much more than before. I am not discouraged for I hope that I may still be helped by your scholarship.

Now, it is Spring time, and Yenching is a lovely place especially in this season for there are many flowers growing in our campus. Sometimes I like to go out and have a drawing or to take a trip to the western hills after my class work is done. Thank you again for your making possible for me being here.

Sincerely yours,

Kuo Hsiao-ying

Letter from a sophomore at Yenching
sent to Miss Helen P. Smith
800 Taylor Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Thanking her for gift from Sadler Missionary League

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Yenching University
Peking West, China.
April 11, 1940.

Dear Friends,

Excuse me for taking the liberty of introducing myself to you.

With many thanks I would tell you that I am one of the Yenching students who are awarded the scholarship which comes from your kind gift. Thank you very much for helping us.

As I remember I wrote you last year telling about my family and financial conditions, so now I think instead of repeating them I better share with you some of my future plans which, to be sure, you would like to know.

I am junior this year and social work is my major study. I am taking six courses this semester, four of which are requirements, namely, "Social Work Administration", "Social Case Work Method", "Rural Community", and "Social Statistics". I take greater interest in "Social Work Administration" than the others and for this course I shall try to write a paper on the subject, "Group Work", which is supposed to include a short report of Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and settlement work of America. I have been collecting materials. I hope I could start writing by next month. My Senior thesis will probably be also on something about Y.W.C.A. I am planning to stay in the Y.W.C.A. of Peking this summer to carry on my field work from which, I am sure, I can get a lot of real experience, and I hope after my graduation next summer I shall be able to work for Y.W.C.A.

Besides studies, I take quite many extra-curriculum activities. Various clubs, associations, and sports keep me very busy all the day, but I have really get a great deal from them. Among those associations, Christian Fellowship is the chief one which I would like to mention. We have a membership of eight hundred including the faculty members, the student members, and the workmen. I take the responsibility of the Social Department of the Christian Fellowship, and it certainly has helped me in many ways. On last Easter Sunday we had a grand time. About seven hundred and eighty people joined the picnic together in the campus after the service. We felt at that time that we were truly in one unity.

Spring vacation is only a few days away. We are planning to have a trip to the hills not far from our campus. I am sure we shall have a good time there.

With hearty thanks,

Sincerely yours,

Yin Hsiang

Letter from a junior at
Yenching sent to Y.W.C.A.
Wheaton College
Norton Mass.

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Yenching University
Peking West, China
April 12, 1940.

Dear Friends,

It is always so kind of you to have interest and hold your helping hands to Chinese students on this side of the sea. I am one of them who are especially grateful to you for the scholarship which you give through Yenching University.

I came from Tientsin. We used to have a happy home with my parents and brothers. To our heart broken, my father died in sudden for high blood pressure in 1935. I was then studying in Keen School. It is the best girls' middle school in Tientsin. I graduated from Keen School in 1937. Many of us planned to continue study in college. Among the many universities most of us wanted to come to Yenching. Although I was planning with them, I didn't choose Yenching at first, because I thought I should go to study with the less expense. One of my classmates came and asked me to take the entrance examination with her. We took the examination in Tientsin and I passed. The war which broke out in the summer delayed my coming for one year. In September 1938 I came to Yenching with many students from Tientsin.

Yenching is a beautiful place, with the lake and hills and all the buildings in Chinese architecture. Perhaps the spring is the most beautiful time, when all the flowers blossom in different colours. The campus is full of people, most of us like to stay more outdoor. The favor sport is hiking. Not far from us is the Western Hills. We love to go to the hills to see the beautiful views, and visit many temples in the hills.

This is my second year in Yenching. I am major in Sociology. I am a student of Modern Greats this year. I study Sociology, and I hope I can help more people in the society. When I leave school, I shall like to work for the benefit of many people, and I do hope I shall be useful in the society and help the world to be a better place.

There is no one to support us after my father's death. My four brothers and I are all students, three of us are studying in college. In my middle school, I got a scholarship given by a kind heart gentleman in Tientsin. Here I am very grateful to you and Yenching for the scholarship that enable me to come to study here. I do some self-help work, in order to get some money to pay the fees and other expenditure. I do typing and office work. I like to work not only for the payment but also for the experience I get from working. With all my class work, and assignment reference and papers, my work and other school activities I have a very busy life here.

In closing let me thank you for all your kindness.

With best regards,

Yeh Tao-ch'un

*Letter from a sophomore at Yenching
Sent to Mrs. Linda R. Hatfield
312 Guilford Road
Waban, Mass.
Thinking her for gift from women of Waban Union Church.*

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April 22, 1940

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

I received your letter of March 4th promptly, together with its enclosure of a copy of a letter to Mrs. Parlin, and the Women's College budget for 1940-41.

A study of the budget has been prepared for the Associated Boards, and a more elaborate review will be planned for the Yenching College Committee.

I am happy that Agnes Chen arrived safely and is carrying on to the satisfaction of all. My guess is that her friends were more influential last summer than she would be ready to admit.

Our understanding regarding Miss Jacob's freight was that she would have personal belongings which would exceed the 350 pounds, and that any adjustment regarding freight would necessarily follow when she arrived in China. The booklets included in the shipment are packing material placed there by the Methodist Board. I have discussed this with the Shipping Department of the Board in the past and admonished them not to do such a thing if the material affected the freight rates. I hope it did not do so in this instance. The material may be thrown away or used, which ever is most convenient and profitable.

The \$2.35 for a linen tester was for a magnifying glass used for this purpose. Miss Cookingham requested us to buy this, as she had received a letter from Miss Kramer asking us to purchase it, forward same to the field, and charge to the Women's College account.

In a previous letter you will have received word regarding Miss Cookingham, and a cable was sent several days ago. I hardly think there is anything one could add to amplify those communications, unless it be that conditions here in America, especially in business, are exceedingly tense. There are wars and rumors of wars on all sides of us, and quite definitely

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we are involved in war in the orders which are being filled for warring countries. It is only a question of time when the United States will be still deeper in the mire. To an internationally minded person the political situation is disgusting, and to a thoughtful economist it is mere tragedy. From a practical standpoint there are a dozen well qualified people awaiting every position that is open.

But, Miss Cookingham is better physically, and I am sure that if she returns she will not disappoint you.

I will talk with Mrs. Parlin again before we make up the budget for the Yenching College Committee.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Polk" - 4/22/40

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27 April 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

This is just to tell you that your three girls did splendidly at Thursday's luncheon. You will wonder why we used so many Yenching women, and I assure you that our choice of speakers was very carefully made after interviews with some thirty students of the China Colleges available hereabouts. The composite picture which the six speakers presented was sufficiently varied so that there was no overlapping, and we were thoroughly justified in the choice that we had made.

In the endowment problem of the completion of the \$100,000 before June 30, we have not made any spectacular progress within the last few weeks. Mrs. Finley is in the South with her daughter, but will be back by the middle of May and is not at all appalled by the fact that several thousand dollars may still remain to be raised at that time. \$1500 has just come in from Miss Andrews of Rochester which can be applied to endowment or to the Wellesley-Yenching funds. Mrs. Moore is asking to have the decision delayed for she would like to have the gift saved for the Wellesley total. Let us say that we have still to raise for the endowment somewhere between ten and twelve thousand dollars.

Chou Nien-tze is still in need of a scholarship for next year; Smith could not grant her one, and nothing else has as yet turned up to solve the problem. I am giving her what help I can, and enjoy the association with her.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Yenching University
Peiping China

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April 30, 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

Many things have made us feel the fellowship of Yenching, East and West, with special closeness during the last month. Miss Kendrick's passing has brought us very close together, and we remembered all of you in our sharing of the services and the little things we were able to do in her memory. I am hoping that there will be somewhere in print an adequate report of the services, although the atmosphere which made them memorable would be hard to be put into print. The Newton pastor who quoted very beautifully from memory the most inspiring passages from the Old and New Testament must have known Miss Kendrick well, for he dwelt upon wisdom and goodness in the full beauty of the Biblical text and with the discriminating scholarship which Miss Kendrick herself would have brought to such a task. Raymond Calkins closed the services. You already know, from my previous message, that Miss Kendrick had been especially active on Yenching's behalf just before she started on her trip south.

When Mrs. Moore was in our office a few hours ago, we were thinking of Miss Kendrick, of Yenching, and of our recent news from you, and Mrs. Moore suggested that we ask you to let us know whether the peculiar stresses and strains of living conditions in Peking at present would be somewhat relieved for your university community by a gift from the margin now existing in Wellesley's contribution for 1939-40. We have, therefore, just sent you a cable of which a copy is enclosed herewith. Because of the fact that we do not have airmail facilities between New York and Peking, we are particularly grateful that cable communication is available when questions like this one ache to be answered.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, China

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

May 2, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

Last summer you wrote me about several contributions which have been made to the Yenching Scholarship Fund asking that letters of acknowledgement should go to the donors from the girls who benefit by these scholarships. We have been rather slow in getting these letters but I recently I have sent out a number and I am enclosing copies of the letters for your information. Sometimes the letters might be in more polished language if we corrected them in this office, but it has seemed better to let them keep their own flavor. I have sent covering letters in each case to express the gratitude of the institution as well as that of the individual student.

Dr. Stuart has been off on a long trip to the South but is due to return to the campus some time this week. I can imagine that you are in the throes of getting ready for the May meeting.

With greetings to you from us all,

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer
Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
Yenching College Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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May 20, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

Your covering letter with the Yenching College budget included a paragraph regarding the return of Miss Cookingham. On Saturday last we received the following cable:-

"COOKINGHAM APPROVED BASIS STUART LETTER SEPTEMBER 29."

Miss Cookingham was in town last week for our Board meetings and I induced her to stay until she could reach a decision. This morning she was in the office and we requested a check-up with Dr. Vaughan. I have just talked with him over the telephone, without her knowledge, and find that she stressed a preference for returning to the field, and gave no information as to the return of a six-year period. Privately Dr. Vaughan strongly urged against this procedure. After I brought him up to date with the entire story he willingly gave his consent to the cable which has gone forward today, and reads as follows:-

"REPLYING CABLE COOKINGHAM WILLING FINISH TWO YEARS PRESENT TERM PAYING RETURN TRAVEL OTHERWISE TEN YEARS WITHOUT FURLOUGH OTHER CONDITIONS STUARTS LETTER AGREEABLE."

I discussed the contents of this cable with Miss Cookingham, and she was agreeable to same. If it is a case of going out for six years, quite definitely she will not do it. If, on the other hand, it is a mere adjustment to prevailing conditions, I believe, she is in a mood to make a special effort to work harmoniously with all concerned. If the others on the campus do as well as she is prepared to do, I think there will be no difficulty.

While studying the terms of the September 29th letter, it appeared that Miss Cookingham would be working ten years without furlough expenses. The last time she was home can hardly be classed in the terms of a furlough, as she was recalled to the field long before she

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would have gone ordinarily, and she has paid her own travel to the United States this time.

It would appear that there are a number of adjustments due Miss Cookingham if she does not return at this time, of which you are aware as you mentioned same in your letter. In the event that she does not return these will have to be taken up with the field.

At another time I will write you regarding the financial items discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Yenching Women's College Committee.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Coolidge" -6/3/40

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

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Office of the Dean

June 11, 1940. *act 7/11/40*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Although the news from Europe grows worse and worse and it seems a matter of time before America and the far East may be involved too, yet there seems to be nothing to do but to go on with one's daily work and to make plans in the hope that they will not be immediately interrupted by further international catastrophes.

We are very happy that Miss Cookingham is coming back and I hope that nothing will interfere with her sailing schedule for early August. The news of Miss Hendrick's death brought sorrow to her many friends here. She has indeed been a loyal worker for Yenching and we have loved her for many years.

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When Miss Bent was on her way home last summer I believe she found herself short of funds because of a delay caused by war conditions and she at that time borrowed US\$50 from your office. We have been recently in communication with Miss Bent about this matter and our Administrative Committee has just approved granting this sum to Miss Bent as two months' furlough rent allowance. You can therefore write it off your books as no longer a debt which needs to be returned.

We are in the midst of final examinations and expect to close the year next week after a quiet term. We are again making plans for an unusually large enrollment next year.

With best wishes to you all!

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer
Margaret Bailey Speer

Mr. C.A. Evans
The China Colleges
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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June 14, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Spear
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Spear,

We forward herewith, somewhat belatedly, a copy of the minutes of the Yenching College Committee held on May 16. Under separate cover we are mailing the usual supply of these minutes for distribution on the field.

Mrs. Parlin may wish to write you a letter commenting on some of the items in the minutes, but I will at this time speak of the various financial matters which came up.

Current Situation. As we approach the close of the year 1939-40 it seems that our income and expenditures will be just about what was estimated at the beginning of the year. Possibly we may have a few hundred dollars surplus, but at most the amount will be quite modest.

Budget for 1940-41. This is set forth in detail on Page 3, and does not require any detailed comments. I believe that the amount appropriated by the Committee is about what the field has been anticipating, and that this US\$13,413.00 will enable you to balance your budget, and possibly to show a small surplus if the present exchange situation continues. The Committee did not ask the Associated Boards, therefore, to include within the 1940-41 united promotional efforts any special item to balance the Yenching College Committee budget. We have, however, presented to the Associated Boards a request to include for Yenching College for Women the following two items:

For faculty furlough reserve fund	US\$2,500.00
Special fund for scholarships	1,500.00
	US\$4,000.00

The first of these items was added in accordance with the notation on the budget estimates that even though no American member of the staff was coming on furlough during 1940-41, US\$2,500.00 should be set aside each year so as to avoid double charges in years when two members are on furlough at the same time. The US\$1,500 for special scholarships is being sought in the understanding that an increasingly large number of the Yenching girls are facing urgent financial problems, and that the amount of scholarship funds needed is therefore larger than what is being covered in the regular budget. The list of special askings to be sought by the

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Associated Boards during the coming year has not yet been finally settled, but there seems to be a very good prospect that this US\$4,000.00 will be included.

Special Grant for Student Aid. Immediately after the meeting we cabled you, reporting the action taken under Y-596. This US\$500.00 has been deposited to the credit of your bank account here in New York, and we assume that the Field Treasurer has already drawn checks for most or all of this money. The Committee was not quite sure just where the \$500.00 would be taken from, but we hope that our surplus this year will be sufficient to take care of the amount. If not, any remainder can be taken from the surplus account which the Committee is carrying forward on its books from year to year.

We trust that the closing days of the academic year 1939-40 are proving to be pleasant ones, despite the shadows which are falling upon the campus from so many directions. These are dark days for the world, and it now seems that conditions may grow even worse before they improve. But it is all the more important that we keep such constructive service as is being rendered by Yenching going forward in these times when hatred and destruction are dominant in so many parts of the world.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG:MS
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1 July 1940

SPER YENTA PEIPING (CHINA)

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July 11, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Spear
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Spear:

I am grateful for your letter of June 11th which permits us to charge off the \$50.00 advanced to Miss Dora Bent. I was rather reluctant to advance this money as she had her ticket, but she had approached other people in the office first and some partial commitments had been made. It would, therefore, had been rather difficult to refuse her.

This whole world situation has completely upset many calculations. Not alone are our financial problems multiplied, but the question of transportation to the Orient for individuals, as well as materials are constantly up for consideration, and frankly there is no answer to these questions. Time tells the story.

In a few days we will probably be writing you on another problem which is now up for discussion, but has not reached the stage for action.

With many thanks for your good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 22, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Spear
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Spear:

We cabled you on the 18th as follows:

"GINLING BOARD RECOMMENDING WUYIFANG INVITE JACOBS TWO YEARS PHYSICAL
EDUCATION HEADSHIP CHENGOTU PAYING CHINA TRAVEL YENCHING PAYING RETURN
TRAVEL AMERICA END APPOINTMENT."

It has occurred to us here in the New York Office that as Miss Gertrude Jacobs is not functioning in the position for which she was sent to the field, and as Ginling has need of such a person, it might be an advantageous switch to allow Miss Jacobs to fill in two years at Ginling -- the Ginling Board to pay travel in China with the understanding that Yenching would pay the normal return travel, which would be necessary at the end of Miss Jacob's three-year term. Ginling, of course, is looking for a permanent teacher, and meanwhile someone could be found to take up the work permanently. By relieving Yenching of Miss Jacob's salary for two years, there would be a real saving in both accounts.

We have proposed this to the field, and the Ginling Board here in New York has approved of the transfer, or as many as are available have so voted.

A recent letter from Miss Jacobs indicates that she is well on the road to recovery, and we have checked with the Associated Medical Department, and from the best judgment, which can be rendered at this distance with the limited facts in hand, there seems to be no reason why Miss Jacobs cannot go on after the vacation of the summer.

The cable was to apprise you of these facts in case Ginling on the field made overtures to secure Miss Jacobs.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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EBM Long-hand note

5 August 1940

Dear Miss Speer -

There are many subjects on which I want to comment to you - some of them touched upon in your report which has just come. An adequate letter must be delayed for another week - but I do want to send on a word about the Yenching graduate at Smith this year, who became ill this spring. You may have been in touch with Mrs. Scales all along and so know of the discovery of a mild tuberculosis process and the gift of the several hundred dollars necessary to assure her the care at the Westfield (Mass.) Sanatorium where she now is. I shall be in Northampton again within a few days and will get further word and send it along to you, - for you will wish to be letting Mrs. Scales know that Yenching is grateful for all this special consideration.

I was told in Boston last week that Chou Nien-tzu was to marry the Clark Bennett son in September. Miss McAfee had not heard of the newspaper announcement and I could not find Nancy herself. On this also I will get more information.

Yours -

Eva Mac -

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August 6, 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

Miss Cookingham is bringing with her baggage, the scroll painted by Chiang Chao-ho. I hope this reaches you safely. We have made good use of it during its time in this country.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching Women's College
Peiping, China

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August 23, 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

In June I spent part of a day with Mrs. Van Voorhis in Rochester, and came away with a strong conviction about future approaches to her. She is a delightful person as you know, and wishes to continue to help Yenching. She gives generously to many causes, and has large means from which to give. You may remember that when Mr. Aydelott persuaded her to complete the fund for the Women's Infirmary which her mother had begun, Mrs. Van Voorhis hoped that her twin sister would share the gift with her. There is opposition within her sister's family, and Mrs. Van Voorhis had to carry the entire pledge herself. She will, however, continue to be devoted to the benevolences which were dear to her mother's heart, and our chance of any substantial help from her for Yenching lies in our ability to continue holding her to the support of the Infirmary or something which is so closely connected with it as to seem the same thing. When I came back in June, I told Miss Van Sciver we should try to get Dr. Jenkins to write to Mrs. Van Voorhis, telling her how fine a service the Infirmary is giving for the Women's College. We did not carry through this inspiration, and it is best, in any case, to refer it to you.

As today I read your report for 1939-40, with its reference to the special problem of the students who have broken down during the past year, I wonder whether you are ready to frame a special appeal to Mrs. Van Voorhis. Should it be within the realm of support for the Infirmary, something from \$250.00 to \$500.00 annually? If so, the details of supplies or services which would be covered should be sent from the field. If, on the other hand, there is need for more space for this special problem of tuberculosis or for more routine infirmary care, we also need the details from you. Would it be a good beginning to ask Dr. Jenkins to write first, as someone who has used the Infirmary, but who is no longer responsible for any part of the Yenching work? Such a preliminary statement of appreciation and gratitude might be a better approach than one immediately connected with a new need or a request for maintenance funds. The matter of needs could then more gracefully be taken up after Dr. Jenkins' letter had been received. We shall await your guidance.

I have read every word of your report and your statement for the North China Mission, and shall be going over them again and again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Yenching University
Peiping China

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August 30, 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

As we close the offices for the long Labor Day week-end, we find ourselves with a beneficent blank state of mind, from which there is nothing worth writing. Since the holiday comes so early in the month, however, our cerebral processes will be resumed before September has more than drawn its breath, and we shall then be writing you to better effect.

Meanwhile I want to tell you that I have had a delightful two and a half page letter from Chou Nien-tz'u, and am relieved to be in touch with her plans. She tells me that you knew of the attachment between Joe Bennett and herself before she left Yenching for America, so that you will not have been surprised. There can be no details in her letter to me which have not already been in your hands for a long time.

I had the good fortune to spend two days in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, recently, apropos of a speech for Ginling College arranged by the Misses Cook, and it was a joy to find the three McAfees there. Dr. McAfee looks pretty white, and is careful of his strength. The home they have bought has one of the most satisfying outlooks upon Monadnock.

Grace Boynton writes from The Parson's Paradise, Five Islands, Maine, saying that she will be in Medford at the family home, during October, and then near New York for November. We are trying to ~~lower~~ ^{lure} her to spend some time on a project proposed by one of Mrs. Moore's Wellesley Committee, which is a description of those Yenching campus traditions which can be put side by side with the Wellesley festivities at stated times during the college year. Dudley Porter writes that his parents are about to arrive at Elizabeth's home in Elgin, and that he does not expect them in Rochester until the second half of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Margaret Bailey Speer
Yenching University
Peiping, China

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Copy to Mr. Evans

September 4, 1940.

Dear Dr. Fairfield,

A short time ago we received a letter from Mrs. Stelle enclosing excerpts from a letter of yours about some scholarship funds made available for Yenching students through the Nellie Stevens Mission Group of Park Congregational Church. Apparently it does not matter whether the sum is given to one or two students for four years or to several students over a longer period of time. I should like to suggest the names of twelve students each to receive about local currency \$170 from this fund for the coming year. At present exchange rates this would just about use up the US\$145 which is available. If later on we know how much will be available for the academic year, 1941 - 42 we can then send you the names of some freshmen students who would be assured of scholarship throughout the course. Will you convey to the trustees of this fund our very great gratitude for this gift?

Seniors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Chu Chang	English	\$170
Li Shu Chen	Chinese	\$170
Ho Yun Luan	Biology	\$170

Juniors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Lin Feng Shen	Economics	\$170
Lin Mao Mei	Economics	\$170
Ch'ing K'e Hsien	Pre-nursing	\$170
Kuo Hsiao Ying	Education	\$170
Wang Hui Chen	Sociology	\$170
Yang P'ei Yun	Pre-nursing	\$170
Yeh Tao Ch'un	Modern Gts.	\$170
Yu Yu Mei	Mathematics	\$220
Chao Shu Fen	Education	\$170

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

September 4, 1940.

Dear Mr. Evans,

We need another new typewriter for the Women's College and since Miss Cherry has been delayed and will not be coming until October I am wondering whether there is still time for you to order one and ask her to bring it with her luggage. In case she is unable to bring it, perhaps you could consult with the Presbyterian Board and see when they are sending a consignment of freight to North China.

The Royal which you got for us some time ago has been extremely satisfactory. We would like elite type and a standard size carriage - the regular office size, not a portable one.

Miss Cookingham, Miss Burt, and Miss Hutchinson are all here, having had a comfortable trip. We are delighted to have them. Registration starts tomorrow and we are expecting an enrollment of 1100.

With best wishes to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer
Margaret Bailey Speer

Mr. C.A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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Copy for Mr. Evans.

September 13, 1940.

Dear Dr. Fairfield,

We are extremely sorry that we have appeared to be so negligent in sending you a report on our expenditure of the grant from your Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund. There has apparently been a slip in notifying this office in recent years of the amount received from this fund. When Mrs. Frame wrote to me about making this report, I discovered that reports had been made in the distant past and endeavored to find out how much we had received from this fund in recent years, but no record of it seemed to be available in our files here. It now appears that the grant has been remitted directly to our New York Office and no separate report has been made to us about it. We had assumed that the grant from the American Board was all given towards our current expenses. Now that we know that out of the total American Board grant \$5000 last year was from the Higher Educational Work Endowment Fund, we are glad to send our special thanks for this gift, which at present exchange rates amounts to \$5000 local currency. The money has been spent as follows:

Dormitory Equipment	\$ 414.16
Books for Physical Education (U.S.\$103.01)	1030.10
Freight on Books (China)	101.36
Camera - Physical Education (U.S.\$100.70)	1097.00
Repairs & Painting - Practice House	630.35
Boyd Gymnasium (Part of roof)	1026.20
Dormitory - Water pipes & Elec. Wiring	700.83
	\$5000.00

The books for Physical Education have been very necessary for our growing department of Physical Education in which we have a better staff than ever before. Miss Lu Hui-ch'ing, who is in charge of the work for women, is one of our own graduates with a master's degree from Wellesley. She

is particularly interested in correcting faulty posture, and the camera has made it possible for her to make a more scientific study of the posture of students than has ever been made in China before. The new dormitory equipment was necessary in order to enlarge our dormitory capacity. You may know that each one of our four women's dormitories was originally planned to house fifty girls. Under the present pressure on Yenching as almost the only opportunity for higher education in this area, we have tried to increase the number of students which we can squeeze into each dormitory. Last year we had 276 students living in the dormitories and had to buy a number of new beds and desks in order to be able to take care of them. The other three items are for repairs which had become imperative. Our Home Economics Home Management house is a very important part of the Home Economics work. The senior students in the department live there for one semester. The house had had no general repairs for more than thirteen years and needed some paint to freshen it up and some minor alterations so that it could accommodate one more student. The item for the Boyd Gymnasium roof is only a fraction of a large expenditure that was necessary to stop the leaks on the roof of that valuable building. The roofs have been the most troublesome part of our Yenching architecture but we hope that thorough-going repairs on this roof will completely weather-proof it for many years to come.

Will you convey to the Committee our extreme gratitude for their help and assure them that we are asking our New York Office to notify us immediately in the future if another grant from this fund is made?

We are in the midst of our first week of classes and are busy with all the administrative detail necessary to take care of our record enrollment of over 300 girls and nearly 800 men.

With cordial greetings,

Very sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts
U.S.A.

Copy (Original sent with Fortnightly letter
of Sept. 9)

September 21, 1940,

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

Miss Cookingham has arrived safely bringing the scroll and your letters came just a few days afterwards. I hope the scroll has not been too much trouble for you all.

We feel very proud over the results of the campaign last year and will try to do our best to send publicity material that will be worthy of such an active Promotional Committee. We hope to have some good pictures to send to you in a day or two.

The first Fortnightlies of the year are ready to go off. The first one should have gone over a week ago but it has taken some time to get the lists in shape. As you will see from the first paragraph of my letter, it has seemed wise to suggest a new system of distribution this year. We wrote you last year about the distribution of Fortnightlies but either you did not get our letter of March 15th or we did not get your reply. We shall be glad to have your reactions to this plan of sending letters from here to the people who are on furlough or are outside of America and having you send mimeographed copies to the long list of old-timers who are settled down in America. We are trying our best to send the letters regularly but if there should be a gap between letters at any time you might consult with Mrs. Parlin to see whether her letter has got through while your copy has been lost. If you should think it worthwhile perhaps you could arrange with Mrs. Parlin to have her send her copy to you regularly just as a check.

I am enclosing a copy of our new lists. As you will see, the first page consists of the people to whom we are sending letters directly. The Alphabetical list covers the people who should receive mimeographed copies from your office. You will see the reasons for any changes made in last year's lists. Miss Cookingham, Miss Hancock, Miss Burt, Miss Kung, and Mr. Bevan are all back at Yenching and Miss Cherry is expected within a month or two. Mrs. Wu Kao Chün-oh is back in China. Mrs. Gaylord has died.

If you find that any of these addresses are not correct, would you let us know? Miss Ashworth I know is married now, but I have not been able to discover her married name. Nancy Chou is presumably married too; no doubt Mrs. Macmillan can supply her address. Mrs. Nash also has a new address but we do not know what it is. Perhaps there are other names which should be added. Long ago we dropped Jane Newell but if she ever shows any interest in hearing about Yenching her name could be added again. There are three faculty wives now on furlough whom we have not included, since I am not sure of their addresses but I am sure they would like to receive the letters: Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Wolferz and Mrs. E.O. Wilson.

Do you think it would be well to remind the recipients of these letters once again that this is in no sense publicity material? The letters are written to old friends who know Yenching and are interested in people and in changes here. We expect the readers to have a sympathetic understanding of what is

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written and to be able to interpret the letters in a way which would be impossible for people outside "the family". If you think it would be helpful I could add a short note explaining who the writer is when it is a new member of the faculty.

Stephen Ts'ai has just gone off to Honolulu. We do not know whether he will get to New York or not, but if he does he will bring you warm greetings from us all.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Elvena Van Sciver
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

October 9, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

The cable asking for action story pictures came a few days. After some of our student photographers had spent a day taking pictures of many kinds of campus activities. The results of the first day of photography were not very satisfactory either from the point of view of technique or promotion and we have made a number of other attempts since then. We hope to have a number of good pictures to send you soon, but in the meantime I should like to send off those that are ready. Miss Duncan and I are trying to cooperate so that there will^{not} be too much overlapping between the Women's College and Princeton - Yenching. The subjects of these pictures do not by any means cover all those you asked for, but, remembering that there are more pictures on the way, we should like to have frank comments from you and Mrs. Macmillan.

Are they the right size or do you prefer smaller or larger prints? Do you want the negatives? In the case of small pictures where the negative is 2 X 4 or less, do you want small contact prints as well as enlargements?

We have at the moment no expert photographers on the campus. To call in an outside photographer is not very satisfactory for action pictures, although it works all right for buildings and landscapes.

I have lettered the pictures on the back and should like to make a few comments:

- A. A batter at soft-ball. The girl is a third year pre-medical student, unusually intelligent and active in many things.
- B. A sophomore pre-nursing student who is remarkably skillful in the complicated art of Chinese Boxing.
- C. A demonstration of how to wield a racket for paddle tennis. Paddle tennis has become increasingly popular as the cost of new tennis balls has made regular tennis more and more of a luxury. The demonstrator is Mrs. Henry Chou, wife of the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, daughter of the well-known Dr. Huie Kin of New York, and herself an instructor in our Department of Physical Education.
- D. A class in archery with the traditional Chinese and arrows.

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- ✓E. The start of a short race at a track meet.
- ✓F, G, and H. Girls in the tumbling class demonstrating pyramids and other formations.
- ✓I. Students, faculty and school children line up for the opening of Sports Day.
- ✓J. Boys and girls folk dancing on Sports Day.
- K. Two seniors Home Economics students in the foods laboratory experimenting with steamed bread. (Wo Wo Tou)
- L. The Choir singing at the open air Easter Service.
- ✓M. Dr. Ferguson and Mrs. Chou at tea in the President's House.

Please remember that this is just the first installment and we will be sending some more along next week.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Eleanor Van Sciver
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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October 10, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

I am acknowledging your letter of September 4th instructing us to order a Royal Elite Standard Typewriter to be sent out with Miss Cherry.

As you have probably heard, Miss Cherry accidentally broke her arm, which delayed her sailing, and then she endeavored to secure a first-class sailing the latter part of November on the "City of Los Angeles" a one class boat. We suggested a tourist-class boat sailing on December 6th. To that we have received no response.

I have consulted with the Presbyterian and Methodist Boards and they have nothing going to North China. All shipments to China, which they are sending out, are cleared through Shanghai. We will keep a close watch upon the situation, and in the event that some other missionary is going out in the near future, we will send the machine along. Our experience with the Royal machine warrants our recommending it unreservedly for hard usage.

At the present turn of events we are all wondering what will happen next. Through Investment Counsel, we are in rather close touch with developments in Washington and one can speak advisedly and yet say that the world situation is also shot through with politics. I presume that you all on the field have learned, as we have learned, that the only way of life today is to live on from day to day in the hope and expectations that the powers of light will prevail over the works of darkness.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Taft" - 10/10/40

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

October 16, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

Last week, on October 9th I sent you our first installment of pictures lettered A-M. I hope that you have received them safely before now. Here are some more. These are still not all you have asked for and we hope to have the rest ready in a few weeks. You asked for pictures of waitresses, which we cannot supply, since all the waiting on table is done by one table boy who brings the dishes and takes the orders for seventy-six girls. I don't suppose in many college dining rooms at home there is quite such a proportion between service and those served. The girls get up to help themselves to rice and soup and porridge. The types of self-help work that the girls can do, do not offer very exciting subjects for photography but we are trying to send some pictures which will give an indication of such work.

Here are brief comments on this set of pictures:

- ✓N. A girl at her desk. Note the single plain light above the desk, and shelf which serves as the only cupboard for miscellaneous things, and the curtain which covers a place to hang coats.
- O. and P. ✓ Two-girl bedroom. Note that all the bedroom windows face south. The ordinary rooms hold two girls in each. At the end of the corridors, the rooms are slightly bigger and used to hold three girls, but now there are four, sleeping on double-deckers.
- ✓Q. A four-girl bedroom. Pictures of movie stars are popular decorations!
- R. and S. ✓ A two-girl bedroom again. The one cupboard is supposed to contain all the clothes for two students except topcoats.
- T. The study tables in a four-girl room. This is the other side of the room shown in Q.
- U, V, W. Girls in the dormitory commonroom.
- ✓X. The dormitory telephone.
- ✓Y. The bulletin board and the mail board.
- Z. Pingpong in the dormitory commonroom.
- ✓AA and BB. One table in the dining room. Seven girls sit at one table. The eighth stool holds the rice kettle for the table. The tea-pot contains hot water, the center bowl soup, the other bowls vegetables.
- CC, DD and EE. In the dormitory laundry. Many of the girls do their own laundry except for sheets. The laundry tubs are common Chinese earthen-ware kangas, set in a cement base. Note the Chinese brick stove and the basket of coal-balls.
- ✓FF. Dormitory dining room just before the supper bell rings. Note the two large kettles on a stool in the center. One holds soup and the other hsi fan (a kind of thin rice gruel).
- ✓GG 1, 2, 3, 4. The dining room at supper time. Note the chopsticks in the girls' hand at the right in 1. In 2 and 4 notice the girls helping themselves to hsi fan. In 3 the large solid back at the right foreground is that of the matron. In 4 the square table at the right is an extra one put in to take ~~many~~ of our new crowds.

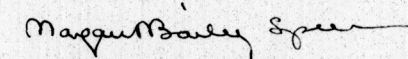
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- EH and JJ. Students coming out of the dormitory and getting their bicycles at the dormitory gates to go to class.
- KK. Dormitory gate beyond which men students do not go. A sign at this point says, "Gentlemen guests stop here". The boy has rung the bell and is waiting for his lady friend. He is properly clad in light summer shorts.
- LL. A graduate student and freshman outside one of the women's dormitory.
- ✓MM. Boys and girls going to class through the women's quadrangle.
- NN. M.B.S. at her office desk.
- ✓OO. M.B.S. in her office talking to Harold Shadick, Chairman of the Department of Western Languages.
- ✓PP. Mrs. Chou of the Department of Physical Education, registering freshman for required Physical Education classes.
- QQ. Miss Ch'en Fang-chih and Miss Wagner registering freshman students at the opening of the term. Miss Ch'en has a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr and is Doyen for this year's freshman class. Miss Wagner, who has a Ph.D. from Columbia and holds the Wellesley chair in Economics, is Doyen for the sophomores and is helping Miss Ch'en with the freshman rush.

So that this letter will not be too heavy and so that there will be less danger of anything going astray, I am sending two copies, one enclosing pictures N-Z, the other enclosing pictures AA-QQ.

The Chinese letter paper you asked Miss Cookingham to see about, is going off shortly.

Very sincerely yours,


Margaret Bailey Speer

Miss Elvenor Van Sciver
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
United States of America

October 25, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

Your letter of September 4th came to hand and we have pending an order for a Royal Typewriter such as you have requested.

We have been in close touch with the Presbyterian Board and the Methodist Board and no freight is going through at the present time. Neither has anyone gone to China with whom we could entrust the shipment.

We have written several times to Miss Cherry, but only one letter has been received, and that had particular reference to her date of sailing and that was some weeks ago. We have authorized the Steamship Company to sell her tourist class on the boat she is using, but since that time have received no word from her as to her intentions. In spite of prevailing conditions, I presume you wish us to get the new machine out to the field as soon as possible.

A letter from Dr. Wu Yi-fang of Ginling reviews the Jacobs proposal and brings us up to date from the Ginling situation.

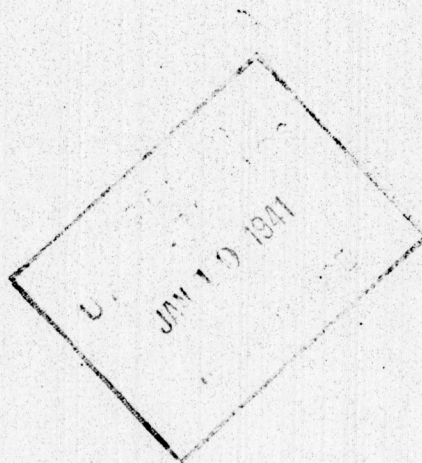
With cordial good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 12, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

I am writing you again regarding the typewriter which you ordered on September 4th.

We have held this order in abeyance because of the uncertainty of getting it into China.

A cable and a letter from Miss Cherry indicates that she will not sail for China until next Spring. Before that time others may be going back and in that case we can send the typewriter along at that time — but, until the uncertainty has cleared up it would seem best to postpone ordering the machine.

This morning we received word that all parcel post shipments to China would be withheld. We will check further to ascertain the extent of these restrictions.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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13 November 1940

Dear Mrs. Speer:

Although our first plan to send out a news letter over Margaret's signature is a few weeks older than when we made it, the envelopes still yawn for their contents, and it is now possible to make the letter more colorful and inspiring than before Labor Day. The inclosed text is not good enough, and you will be moved to throw it aside and substitute something of your own composition. Can you find time to do this?

The plan is to have a covering message - on either Wellesley-Yenching or Yenching Women's College note paper - attached to each letter and signed by Elizabeth Luce Moore. The message would be different for the two groups, and would elaborate particularly upon the uses of the fund to which the individual donor contributed.

I have left out much that could be said; there is no reference to the service which Yenching students are giving in Free China, nor of many details of religious and intellectual life on the campus itself. Some of these omissions you will wish to supply.

Always gratefully yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Rockledge
Lakeville Connecticut

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To the American Friends of Yenching College for Women:

As we begin the fourth war year on the campus outside the walls of Peiping, it gives us courage to remember that many of you across the Pacific are caring about the events which have a present vital relation to life in North China.

Many tangible evidences of the close ties between Yenching and the United States are brought vividly before us as one college year closes and another begins. Last spring we were deeply touched, and impelled to fresh resolves of endeavor, by the news that there had been gifts totalling several thousand dollars to the Yenching Women's College from Wellesley alumnae. We had asked that these funds be made available for a much needed professorship to be held by a woman in the Department of Public Affairs. The professorship is at present held by Augusta Wagner, Wellesley 1924, Ph.D. Columbia 1938.

We had scarcely recovered from the glad surprise of the message from Wellesley-Yenching when word came of the completion of the \$100,000 Endowment Fund of this College. I cannot put into words my sense of the significance of this Fund. It will bear fruit in higher standards of life and work for the women of the University, and will give us assurance in long-time planning which we have until now sadly lacked. Our gratitude to the members of the Committee of the Yenching Women's College who carried this plan to completion is not an emotion of the passing moment, but will grow in strength and in concrete reality as our program grows in effectiveness through the income of the Endowment.

The past year was one of outwardly normal, regular work at Yenching. Although we are conscious of the presence among us of persons who report to the unfriendly overlords all that goes on, most of us speak our minds freely in classroom and elsewhere. The outward signs of strain and pressure are less evident now than during the first two years of the war. For example, within recent months there has been a noticeable relaxation of the searching of passengers on the Yenching bus at the city gate, but we expect a tightening of all such procedures in the near future. The degree of non-interference from which we have profited recently has been due in large measure to President Stuart's ceaseless efforts to prevent misunderstandings with the authorities and to the assistance he has in such matters from his secretary and interpreter, Mr. Hsiao Cheng-yi.

In our four dormitories, each built for a maximum of fifty women students, we had last year 291 during the first semester and 287 the second semester. The accommodation of this large number was made possible only because a few students lived with their own families nearby and because dormitory capacity was stretched to the maximum by including every possible space, including faculty living quarters and storerooms. Now, at the beginning of 1940-41, we have more than three hundred women students registered, and each dormitory has had to stretch itself ten percent farther, which means double-decker beds and additional equipment for bedrooms and dining-rooms, not to mention such vital matters as reading-room desks and classroom space.

The entering class of this autumn is again of excellent quality, quite repaying the University for the inconvenience of adjusting to the increased numbers.

Members of the faculty do not allow the heavier teaching load entirely to crowd out their research on a number of problems which are not only of academic interest but of practical value to Chinese life. The work covers such varying fields as entomology, nutrition, phonetics, a more efficient utilization of fertilizing materials by the farmer, the compiling of indexes and concordances of Chinese literature, and studies of the cost of living. We are specially proud of the studies in the mechanism of calcium metabolism being carried on by Professor William H. Adolph of the Department of Chemistry. An award made by the Plotz Foundation of the United States in recognition of these studies has made possible the appointment of two research fellows in Professor Adolph's laboratory.

I must not weary you with a longer letter at this time. I wish you could each one have been here when the college year 1940-41 opened on our campus in mid-September. You would have been invigorated by the courageous attitude of the students, new and old, and by their serious purpose and sane unselfishness of outlook. Outside our walls is a world of suffering, and we are very close to that suffering. Many of our students are a part of it. But we cling fast to the beauty and the nobility which belongs to this country and this people. The latest addition to our campus is a garden which we have purchased from the family of Hsu Shih-ch'ang, first President of the Chinese Republic. We have revived its ancient name "Ching Chun Yuan", the Garden that Mirrors the Spring. We have in it a symbol of the triumphant inviolability of the Chinese spirit.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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Yenching University
Peking, China
November 19, 1940

Dear Friends and Relations,

Again this year a printed letter seems to be the only way to tell you that I am thinking about you all. With the foreign postage rates at fifty cents for a sealed letter and with the usual scarcity of leisure (or perhaps it's will power) making it apparently impossible for me ever to write more than two or three letters a week anyway, it seems that this sort of Christmas card will have to take the place of scribbled notes or even of a typewritten carbon copy. Perhaps again a month-by-month summary of a few high spots will help to show you what our Yenching days are like. Most of you can fill in for yourselves the background of academic routine and of ears cocked for new political developments. And you know, without my putting it into words, that we think constantly of those of you who have been at the center of those storms of war whose ominous shadows are lengthening here.

JANUARY The year begins in the traditional Chinese way with a meal of *chiao-tze*, cooked by a group of students who enjoy puttering in our kitchen. Then come semester examinations, the Week of Prayer services, visits to the refugee camp at our gates, a special convocation ceremony for the students who, having missed a semester in 1937, are now ready to graduate in the middle of the year, checking the annual inventory, proof-reading a new English textbook written by one of our young instructors, the horrid discovery that what was supposed to be a winter's supply of coal for our house has already been used up and the thermometer still dropping! Winter vacation is full of personal tragedies for a number of students. One of these fortunately turns out not too unhappily in the end. One of our nice sophomores, a quiet but rather morose girl, spending the night with relatives in the city, is attacked by a temporarily deranged aunt with a meat-chopper and her face and hands badly slashed. Fortunately we are soon able to remove her from the unsatisfactory hospital to which she was rushed by the police. The cuts on her face heal slowly, and though her right hand is crippled, she learns to write with her left. The need for overcoming definite handicaps seems to dispel her previous moroseness and as the weeks go by she gains a courage and an interest in the world outside her that she had never had before.

FEBRUARY Second semester registration shows no shrinkage. Chinese New Year. The annual ordeal of sitting in endless committee meetings to review salaries, to decide on promotions and appointments, and to draw up the budget for next year. A fat, happy, little blind boy, singing to himself as he runs along the road,

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and the fortitude of one of our sophomore students who accepts without a visible flicker of self-pity the doctor's verdict that because of a tubercular hip she must spend a second term of a year or more in bed—this time in a plaster cast—make one ashamed of one's own impatience with minor difficulties.

MARCH Cooks and food take the center of the stage. In our own household our old cook leaves, feeling that a small shop will be more remunerative than a cook's perquisites. Our new one is arrested in a sudden clean-up of a local gambling establishment (he protests that he was only watching the game for a moment!) The dormitory cooks threaten to go on strike and hasty consultations are necessary to keep the kitchens functioning without a break, but we reinforce the prestige of our able young dietitian, discover which of the cooks is the villain and make it plain that we know the plot but will have due regard for necessary face-saving. We make charts to show the students that although food prices have increased nearly two hundred per cent, our board fees have been increased only fifty per cent. A congregation of nearly eight hundred gathers in the first warm sunshine for the Easter morning service beside the lake.

APRIL Visits to middle schools. Conferences over senior theses. Grim news from Norway. Four days of spring vacation take some of us one hundred miles to the north and two hundred years into the past. On the recently finished railway we make a trip beyond the Great Wall to Jehol where K'ang Hsi and Ch'ien Lung built a Summer Palace and great golden-roofed temples in thickly wooded valleys. The hillsides are now brown eroded earth, soldiers of another nation have barracks in the palace garden, the golden roofs are beginning to crumble, but the great enclosures, the gigantic Buddha, the curling dragons on the ridge poles, the gorgeous tawny colors of the massive walls, are all still brilliant reminders of the imagination and the power of the early Manchu emperors. A courteous official at the Great Wall, examining my passport and visa, asks with polite curiosity, 'You are single? Why??'

MAY Conferences with seniors who begin to realize that Commencement is not an automatic doorway straight into a self-supporting job. The sifting of scholarship applicants. Our North China Presbyterian Mission meets this year at Yenching and the four Presbyterian households on the campus are kept humming looking after thirty guests and trying to be good Presbyterians without cutting classes or neglecting office hours. The news from Holland and Belgium leaves one stunned but clinging with desperate conviction to a belief that there are things that cannot be shaken.

JUNE The usual mixture of finishing up one academic year and preparing for the next one. Farewells to friends going on furlough; examinations; the Senior Banquet. The ordinary process of dormitory room choosing for next year is complicated by a new plan to

separate on one corridor all the girls who have a history of tuberculosis. This necessitates constant explanation that, although the doctors think it wise for these girls to live separately, they are not therefore a menace to anyone else's health. Preparations for a real holiday very welcome after being on the job steadily all last summer.

JULY Augusta and I have a heavenly vacation in the Japanese equivalent of a Diamond Pond cabin on a green hillside by Lake Nojiri. Kind friends, the Hannafords and the Botts, make everything easy, and the foreshadowings of upheavals that a few months later are to shake up the whole missionary movement in Japan, are not yet ominous enough to spoil our enjoyment of a friendly community, gray mists, blue mountains, real woods, and quiet evenings. In Kobe, a few hours before sailing back to Peking, a perfect trans-Pacific telephone connection makes it possible to talk for three minutes with the family at Rockledge, to hear the voices of Mother, Father, Pat, and some of the children, as clearly as if they were calling from the next room. The excitement of this miracle almost prevents me from coherent conversation but I am able to ask about Bill's wedding. I start back to Peking sure that East and West are not really far apart, and glad that science can demonstrate it at a price which, thanks to the complexities of international exchange, comes to less than the cost of a couple of new books. A typhoon delays us in the Korean islands but Dr. and Mrs. Weidenreich (authority on the Peking Man) provide good company on our little boat.

AUGUST A month at Yenching to prepare for the largest enrollment in our history. Ethel Hancock, Lucy Burt, Mary Cookingham and other returning and new members of faculty arrive. Because of the vagaries of time-tables and the telegraph service, meeting them at the station takes on the excitement of a game of hide-and-seek. A houseful of guests gives us a good excuse for some picnics and excursions.

SEPTEMBER In four women's dormitories originally built for 200 we manage to tuck away 302 girls, 26 more than last year. Most of the freshmen are four in a room, sleeping in double-decker beds, but there are no complaints from anyone who is in. It is the unlucky ones at the bottom of the waiting list for whom we simply cannot make room, who tearfully haunt my office. We wait anxiously for word of a few students who have been "detained."

OCTOBER Busy plans for the year's activities of the Peking Association of University Women. Speculation but no alarm over the State Department's discreet but insistent suggestion that American citizens should evacuate the Far East. Naturally a number of people think such advice should be heeded, but the Yenching faculty and many others decide that until we know exactly what the risks of staying are, we might as well take them!

NOVEMBER Talk of evacuation is incessant and no one minds the excitement as long as it is other people's evacuation and not our own. Two short-term members of the Women's College faculty decide to go because of health complications. Their departure means a readjustment in the delicate balance of faculty housing, and consequent hours of conferences in the Dean's Office. I wonder how St. Peter assigns houses and housemates in Heaven. We go to Ch'ien Men Station to wave goodbye to the boat train for the *Mariposa* and decide that Peking is going to be very empty without the nice people who have gone.

DECEMBER In these days it is risky to write about next month before it arrives. Probably we shall have a Christmas celebration not unlike last year's, the whole university joining in church services, and happy festivities, and in a luncheon of millet only, so that the savings can go to Christmas dinner for a nearby orphanage. Dare we think of a Merry Christmas when our hearts are full of what this year has brought to Kunming and Rotterdam and London? Yes, we can. Indeed, it is only because of Christmas that we dare contemplate the rest of the year, only because we believe that Love was incarnate in Bethlehem that we dare to hope that hate will not now be triumphant in China or Europe or America.

With much affection to you all,

Ever yours,

Margaret B. Spear



November 22, 1940

Dean Margaret E. Spear
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Spear,

Enclosed is a copy of the Minutes of the November 4 meeting of the Yenching College Committee. I believe that Mrs. Parlin and Mrs. Moore are writing directly to comment on various items in the minutes.

The one specific item on which I was asked to write is dealt with in Action Y-602, the appropriation of US\$1,000 for a Dean's Emergency Fund. Attached is a copy of a letter I have written to Miss Cookingham authorizing her to draw this amount. I am sure that Mrs. Parlin has already told you of the desire of the Committee that this \$1,000 be used entirely at your own discretion for helping in meeting any of the needs of the women students at Yenching. We all know that you must be meeting many cases in these days in which students are in special need of many kinds of help. This fund is to provide a source from which you can quietly give help wherever you find it to be needed, without the necessity of following any established rule of procedure or observing budgetary limitations and the necessity for detailed accounting.

Two other items which came up at the meeting I might mention briefly:

Various references were made to special needs, large and small, current and capital, which various members of the Committee understood were needed either now or in the near future at Yenching Woman's College. None of us had any very complete or accurate information as to just what these needs were, their priority in urgency, and the times and amounts involved. A part of our uncertainty was due to the fact that several officers of the Committee are ladies who carry on their correspondence from their homes, usually writing in long hand and without any carbon copies for later reference, and sometimes with a rather indefinite system of filing and recording of important information. We are all eager to keep this close and personal contact between your office and all these ladies on the Committee. But you might find it helpful if from time to time when you are writing with regard to present and future financial needs of the College you have your secretary make an additional copy of such financial items for us here in the office. That would make it possible for Mr. Evans and me to have available at all times an up to date list of financial needs, with amounts and purposes clearly indicated, which we can bring before the Yenching Woman's Committee, and also other groups both of the Yenching Board and the Associated Boards which occasionally have need of this type of in-

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formation. Of course we cannot hold out too bright hopes that even those items at the top of such a list will be secured promptly - but having such a list instantly available is always very helpful in planning our promotional efforts and in deciding how we can make use of funds that may be in hand or in sight.

A second item, about which Mrs. Moore will be writing you more directly is that of the best use of the Wellesley-Yenching funds which are now in hand and which are being secured from year to year. Here, too, we are eager that you maintain always a close and personal connection with Mrs. Moore and the other leaders in the Wellesley-Yenching group. But since they often come to the office for specific financial information and for general suggestions as to ways in which their funds may be made most productive, it might be helpful if you could keep us supplied with information, and with possible suggestions which we might pass along if occasion arose. At the meeting of the Yenching College Committee, some suggestion was made that the Wellesley-Yenching group might soon move on from its initial objective of providing for only Miss Wagner's salary to a point where they could take over the support of an entire department of the College and possibly some day might take over a major share in the support of the whole College. We want to avoid the two opposing dangers of trying to push this group too rapidly or on the other hand letting them slow down through lack of giving them challenging objectives that are within their reach if they will put forth the necessary exertion.

When this letter reaches the Yenching campus, the Christmas holidays should be near at hand. All of us will find it difficult to feel the "Christmas spirit" of peace years; but after all the first Christmas season came in a time of oppression and conflict, and perhaps this year we can get a little closer to some of the meanings of Christmas than we ever could in years of peace and prosperity. All of the friends here in America will be thinking of you at the Christmas season, and would want you and your colleagues to know of their interest and good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

P. S. One extra copy of the Minutes is enclosed herewith. Under separate cover we are mailing you five more copies for whatever use you care to make of them. One copy is also being sent to President Stuart.

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22 November 1940

Dear Miss Speer:

The thought of Mrs. Van Voorhis continues to plague us as something in which we have done less than our full duty. Did you receive my letter of October 23, of which a copy is enclosed herewith. I tried to make certain that this went forward to you in duplicate in August, to guard against possible loss. As we reread this letter, it still appears to us a desirable plan of procedure in attempting to enlist Mrs. Voorhis more completely as a Yenching donor.

I saw Grace Boynton yesterday. She is just back from her three weeks of speaking for the American Board in the Middle West. The half-dozen available members of the Yenching Women's Committee will gather for lunch with her on Monday.

Miss Van Sciver may already have written you on a very small matter, which is the biographical information we should be glad to have for all the writers of the fortnightly letters. Miss Liang was a more or less visionary person to us until we called Wang An-lin to our aid and were able to preface Miss Liang's letter with a statement as to her identity when we sent it out last week. Even for those staff members whom you are quite sure we know well, I would suggest that the biographical note be sent. It is of interest to add even such details as length of Yenching service, foreign study which the Chinese members have had, and in the case of new appointees we ~~like~~ to have the departmental relationship indicated.

I have been happily in touch with your mother several times, recently, and gather that the house at Lakeville is not one in which quiet concentration in literary tasks is easily possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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YENCHING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING, CHINA.

Office of the Dean

December 18, 1940.

Dear Miss Van Sciver,

There have been good letters from Mrs. Farlin and Mr. Garside and Mr. Evans in this last mail and we are feeling fairly closely in touch with the New York Office at the moment. The thought of Mr. Ts'ai's being there makes me quite homesick for the dark little cubbyhole on the top floor.

We have not yet had any comments from anyone of you about this year's Fortnightly Letters. We have so far sent you Fortnightly Letters as follows:

September	9	M.B. Speer
"	19	Agnes Ch'en
October	5	Liang Ssu-chuang
"	21	Lucy Bartt
November	4	Ruth Huie Chou
"	15	Mary Cookingham
December	3	Augusta Wagner
"	12	Hilda Hague

On September 21~~st~~ we sent a covering letter about the new suggestion for sending most of the Fortnightly Letters to people in America directly from your Office. Since then there have been a number of changes in the list. I sent a revised copy of the list with Miss Hague's letter. Please let us know whether your office has information recording any of these addresses which may be out of date.

We have added to this list the addresses of Miss Jacobs and Miss Wolpert, the two members of our faculty who took advantage of the government's evacuation scheme and left last month on the "Mariposa". We have put down here the addresses they suggested as most likely to be permanent but they both left alternative addresses which you may wish to have for your office file.

X Miss Gertrude Jacobs
c/o Mrs. John Morrison
20 Lawton Avenue
Cliffside, N.J.

Miss Gladys Wolpert
c/o Miss Flora Wolpert
Shadyside Hospital
Pittsburgh, Penn.

✓ I have recently been asking the students who are receiving scholarship help from some of the special funds to write letters to the donors. I am enclosing two letters for Mrs. Marcy, thinking that you may want to see them before passing them on.

Life is very interesting here these days. No doubt you get echoes of it through several channels in the office.

With warm greetings to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Bailey Speer

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December 24, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

I am writing you after having spent a delightful hour and a half with Miss Jacobs who arrived in New York this morning. You will be interested in knowing that before she left San Francisco she received offers of two positions which will carry her through the second semester of this educational year and permit her to look for another position at a later date.

When we first heard of the developments in Miss Jacobs' case we felt somewhat chagrined that we had any part whatever in sending her out, as we had sufficient evidence at hand regarding her background and fitness for the position. Since talking with her, I am convinced that the experience has been a good one for Yenching. Few of those returning with so called higher Christian motives do so with a finer spirit. She is a bit tired from the trip, but her spirit is undaunted and she is ready to serve Yenching in any capacity. There is nothing but the highest praise and commendation for the entire staff at Yenching. While she would have been satisfied with a pro rata travel adjustment, yet what you did has more definitely cemented the ties of friendship and appreciation.

It so happened that a Chinese student from the University of Nanking was in the office at the same time this morning and they met each other for the first time. Her manner and poise showed how genuine her interest is in the Chinese people.

I am writing this to let you know what our own personal impressions have been.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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December 31, 1940

Miss Margaret B. Speer
Yenching University
Peking, CHINA

Dear Miss Speer:

I am still holding your order for a typewriter with the hope that some way will be opened up whereby it can be transmitted without extra cost or difficulty. No way seems to be open as yet, - one reason or another interfering with those who are in prospect of going back very soon. It will not be possible for William Hung to take it along, and we do not know how Mr. Tsai will be situated.

That makes us think of Miss Cherry from whom we have heard nothing for a considerable period.

Don't get discouraged, we will continue our efforts.

With sincerest greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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